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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON NAMIBIA: MAURITIUS

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MAURITIUS PERM REP RAMPHUL'S  
STATEMENT IN PLENARY JANUARY 27:

QTE: MR. RAMPHUL (MAURITIUS): FIRST OF ALL, MR. PRESIDENT,  
I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH INDEED FOR ALLOWING ME  
TO SPEAK AND, THROUGH YOU, THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY  
COUNCIL.

WE HAVE GRAVE RESPONSIBILITIES BEFORE US AS WE CONSIDER  
THE QUESTION OF NAMIBIA, WHICH HAS BEEN THE LENGTHIEST OF  
THE DISPUTES BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TODAY  
AND IS AT THE PRESENT TIME ONE OF THE MOST URGENT. WE  
ALL KNOW THE LONG HISTORY OF THE ATTEMPTS BY THE LEAGUE  
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OF NATIONS AND THE UNITED NATIONS TO FULFIL THEIR RESPON-

SIBILITIES TO THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE, FIRST UNDER THE MANDATE AND THEN IN TERMS OF THE OPINIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE, WHICH IN ITS ADVISORY OPINION OF 21 JUNE 1971 DECLARED THAT THE UNITED NATIONS WAS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TERRITORY.

IT IS NO SECRET THAT THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD HAVE BEEN FRUSTRATED IN THEIR ATTEMPTS TO CARRY OUT THESE RESPONSIBILITIES BY THE OBSTRUCTION AND USE OF FORCE ON THE PART OF SOUTH AFRICA. IN RECENT MONTHS WE HAVE WITNESSED THE BIGGEST MILITARY BUILD-UP EVER SEEN IN NAMIBIA, WHICH IS AIMED BOTH AT CRUSHING POPULAR RESISTANCE TO THE ILLEGAL OCCUPATION REGIME INSIDE NAMIBIA AND AT THE SAME TIME AT ARMED INTERVENTION IN THE NEIGHBOURING INDEPENDENT AND SOVEREIGN COUNTRY OF ANGOLA. WE MAY RECALL THAT THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS MANDATE EXPRESSLY FORBADE THE MILITARIZATION OF ANY PART OF NAMIBIA. THIS PROVISION HAS ALWAYS BEEN FLOUTED BY THE STATIONING OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS AT THE NAMIBIAN TOWN OF WALVIS BAY AND AT THE KATIMA MULILO BASE ON THE CAPRIVI STRIP. HOWEVER, THIS PALES INTO RELATIVE INSIGNIFICANCE IN COMPARISON WITH THE MASSIVE BUILD-UP OF SOUTH AFRICAN ARMED FORCES, PARTICULARLY IN THE NORTHERN PART OF NAMIBIA. NEW BASES HAVE BEEN CREATED, THE BIGGEST AT GROOTFONTEIN, USED AS LAUNCHING PADS AND SUPPLY FACILITIES FOR SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS AND AIRCRAFT CURRENTLY COMMITTING GROSS ACTS OF AGGRESSION AGAINST ANGOLA.

THIS USE OF THE ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED TERRITORY OF NAMIBIA TO CARRY OUT AGGRESSION OF ANGOLA CREATES A SITUATION IN THE AREA WHICH IS A THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT GREATLY AGGRAVATES THE DEGREE OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION ON ALL SIDES IN THE TRAGIC CONFLICT WITHIN ANGOLA. IT WAS THE INTERVENTION IN NOVEMBER OF AN ARMoured COLUMN, WHICH WE NOW KNOW TO HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED, EQUIPPED AND DIRECTED BY SOUTH AFRICAN ARMED FORCES OPERATING FROM NAMIBIA, THAT SUDDENLY UPSET THE BALANCE OF FORCES ESTABLISHED PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE AND DETERMINED PREDOMINANTLY BY THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE THEMSELVES, A BALANCE WHICH HAD RESULTED IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STRONG AND UNCLASSIFIED

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RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT IN LUANDA WHICH MY GOVERNMENT, ALONG WITH THE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, HAS RECOGNIZED AS THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA. IN THE VIEW OF MY DELEGATION, SOUTH AFRICA COMMITTED A BLATANTLY ILLEGAL AND AGGRESSIVE ACT AGAINST AN INDEPENDENT AND SOVEREIGN COUNTRY ON THE BORDERS OF NAMIBIA, AN ACT WHICH MAKES EXTREMELY URGENT THE ELIMINATION OF ITS ILLEGAL AND FORCIBLE OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA ITSELF.

UNTIL THAT IS ACHIEVED, AFRICA WILL BE UNDER A CONTINUOUS  
THREAT OF SOUTH AFRICAN AGGRESSION.

I WISH TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL  
THE DECLARATION OF DAKAR ON NAMIBIA AND HUMAN RIGHTS,  
ADOPTED BY A CONFERENCE ON THAT THEME IN DAKAR EARLIER  
THIS MONTH. I PARTICULARLY WISH TO STRESS CERTAIN PARTS OF  
THE DECLARATION WHICH UNDERLINE THE URGENCY OF DEALING  
WITH SOUTH AFRICA'S OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA. THE DECLARATION  
STATES, FOR EXAMPLE:

"MAINTENANCE OF THE OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA BY SOUTH AFRICA  
AND OF THE SYSTEM OF APARTHEID IS A CONTINUING THREAT  
TO PEACE AND SECURITY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, THE WHOLE OF  
AFRICA AND THE WORLD...

"THE RECENT REINFORCEMENT OF THE MILITARY PRESENCE OF  
SOUTH AFRICA IN NAMIBIA MUST BE CONDEMNED AS A MEANS OF  
CONSOLIDATING THE ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF THAT COUNTRY AND OF  
REPRESSING THE LEGITIMATE RESISTANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA.  
WHAT IS MORE, THE USE OF THE TERRITORY OF NAMIBIA AS A  
BASE FOR INTERVENTION IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF AFRICAN  
COUNTRIES, AS IS AT PRESENT THE CASE IN ANGOLA, AGGRAVATES  
THE THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND MUST  
CEASE IMMEDIATELY ...

"THE MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FURNISHED TO SOUTH  
AFRICA BY CERTAIN STATES MUST ALSO BE OPENLY DENOUNCED  
AND MANIFESTLY COMBATED BY ALL THE FORCES OF PROGRESS.  
ARMS SALES, NUCLEAR CO-OPERATION AGREEMENTS ... IN SOUTH  
AFRICA OR NAMIBIA CONSTITUTE ACTS OF SHEER COMPLICITY  
WITH THE POLICIES OF APARTHEID." (A/31/45, ANNEX, P. 3)

A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES HAVE SERIOUS CHARGES TO ANSWER IN  
RELATION TO THE SUPPLY OF ARMS AND EQUIPMENT, NOT TO MENTION  
MERCENARIES OR MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM THEIR OWN COUNTRIES,  
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WHICH ARE BEING USED IN SOUTH AFRICA'S INTERVENTION IN  
ANGOLA FROM ITS BASES IN NAMIBIA. MY DELEGATION WISHES  
TO CHALLENGE THE COUNTRIES WHICH EITHER ARE REPORTED AS  
BEING INVOLVED IN THIS ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OR HAVE OPENLY  
ADMITTED THEIR COLLABORATION TO EXPLAIN THEIR POSITION.  
I REFER IN PARTICULAR TO ONE MAJOR NUCLEAR POWER, A PERMANENT  
MEMBER OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, WHOSE PRESIDENT REFERRED  
TO ITS WIDELY REPORTED INVOLVEMENT IN HIS RECENT STATE OF  
THE UNION MESSAGE TO ITS NATIONAL CONGRESS." I AM ALSO  
CONCERNED ABOUT THE OPEN SALE OF ARMS BY ANOTHER PERMANENT  
MEMBER OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, REGARDLESS OF THE FACT  
THAT HELICOPTERS AND AIRCRAFT FROM THERE ARE REPORTED TO  
BE USED BY SOUTH AFRICANS IN THEIR CURRENT ADVENTURE  
IN NAMIBIA AND ANGOLA. A NEW ELEMENT IS TO BE INTRODUCED  
ALSO BY THE SALE BY YET ANOTHER PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE

SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE MOST MODERN ELECTRONIC DETECTION SYSTEM TO SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH IS CLEARLY INTENDED FOR USE IN NAMIBIA AND ANGOLA. REPORTS HAVE ALSO BEEN PUBLISHED TOF THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE MERCENARIES, AS WELL AS THE WEAPONS, OF TWO WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN THE SAME OPERATION. TO QUOTE AGAIN FROM THE DAKAR DECLARATION:

" IT IS HIGH TIME FOR THE STATES OF AFRICA TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO THE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE SUPPORTING SOUTH AFRICA IN THIS WAY THAT THEY CANNOT CONTINUE TO DO SO WHILE CLAIMING THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE PEOPLES OF AFRICA." (IBID., P. 4)

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IN THE PAST FEW DAYS THERE HAVE BEEN UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS WOULD WITHDRAW FROM THE ANGOLAN CONFLICT. WHILE WE WELCOME SUCH A POSSIBILITY AND URGE THAT IT BE REALIZED IMMEDIATELY, THERE ARE DISQUIETING RESERVATIONS THAT WE HAVE TO MAKE ON THIS ISSUE. THE FIRST

IS THAT A WITHDRAWAL BY SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS BACK TO NAMIBIA  
IS IN NO SENSE A SOLUTION TO THE SERIOUS THREAT TO PEACE  
IN THIS AREA. SOUTH AFRICA MUST WITHDRAW TOTALLY BOTH FROM  
ANGOLA AND FROM THE ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED INTERNATIONAL TERRITORY  
OF NAMIBIA.

HOWEVER, IT IS LIKELY THAT SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES, IF THEY  
DO WITHDRAW FROM THE PRESENT BATTLE ZONE -- OR NON-OPERATION-  
AL AREA, AS SOME CALL IT -- HAVE NO INTENTION OF WITHDRAWING  
EVEN AS FAR AS THE NAMIBIAN BORDER. PERSISTENT REPORTS IN  
THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS AND ELSEWHERE, MONITORED BY THE  
UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT, INDICATE THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN  
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GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO ANNEX A LARGE AREA OF SOUTHERN ANGOLA,  
ON THE PRETEXT THAT IT HAS THE RIGHT TO OCCUPY THE AREA OF  
THE CUNENE DAM SCHEME AND TO SECURE THE NAMIBIAN OCCUPATION  
AGAINST ARMED RESISTANCE UNDER THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT,  
SWAPO, OF NAMIBIA. TO THAT END, PLANS HAVE BEEN DRAWN UP  
FOR THE DEPORTATION OF PERHAPS 60,000 PEOPLE FROM  
THE FRONTIER REGION.

IT IS VITAL THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDER THIS APPARENT  
INTENTION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN OCCUPATION REGIME AND  
STAND READY TO CONDEMN IT IF THE PLAN IS INDEED CARRIED OUT.  
I SHOULD LIKE TO REMIND THE COUNCIL THAT THE CUNENE  
DAM SCHEME, CONTRARY TO THE BLATANT PROPAGANDA OF THE SOUTH  
AFRICAN REGIME, HAS NO RELATION TO THE WELFARE OF THE AFRICAN  
POPULATION OF NAMIBIA. ITS PURPOSE IS IN FACT TO PROCURE  
WATER AND ELECTRICAL POWER FROM SOURCES INSIDE ANGOLA,  
IN ORDER TO SPEED UP THE PLUNDER OF NAMIBIA'S NATURAL MINERAL  
RESOURCES. IT IS THIS POWER WHICH IS INTENDED FOR USE IN THE  
MASSIVE NEW URANIUM MINE AT ROSSING, WHICH THE COMPANIES OF  
ONE PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND OF AN  
ASIAN COUNTRY -- AND THAT ASIAN COUNTRY, INCIDENTALLY,  
ALSO IS CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL --  
HELPED TO UNDERWRITE BY THEIR MASSIVE ADVANCE PURCHASING  
CONTRACTS MADE IN 1970, AND IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENTS OF ONE  
WESTERN MEMBER OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND OF A EUROPEAN  
COUNTRY ARE ALSO INVOLVED.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAS ALREADY CALLED ON ALL STATES TO  
REFRAIN FROM INVESTMENT IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY, AND TO  
DISCOURAGE THEIR COMPANIES AND NATIONALS FROM DOING SO.  
I NEED HARDLY ADD THAT THE ACCELERATION OF MINING OPERATIONS  
TO PLUNDER  
THE IRREPLACEABLE RESOURCES OF NAMIBIA IS IN  
DIRECT VIOLATION OF PREVIOUS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS  
AND ALSO OF THE DECREE ON NATURAL RESOURCES ADOPTED BY  
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 1974.

I THEREFORE WISH TO STRESS THAT NOT ONLY IS THE CUNENE  
DAM SCHEME A FURTHER CHALLENGE TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED  
NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW IN NAMIBIA, BUT THE SOUTH  
AFRICAN INTENTION TO OCCUPY THE AREA OF ANGOLA SURROUNDING  
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IT IS A BLATANT PROVOCATION. WE MUST BE ALERT TO THE PLANS OF  
THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME TO PERPETUATE SUCH ILLEGAL OCCUPATION,  
AND IT MUST BE CLEARLY STATED THAT SUCH OCCUPATION OF ANGOLA  
STANDS CONDEMNED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, JUST AS  
DOES THE ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA. TO THIS END, MY  
DELEGATION INVITES ALL MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL,  
AND PARTICULARLY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE WESTERN EUROPEAN  
PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THEIR ALLIES,  
TO MAKE CLEAR THEIR POSITION ON SOUTH AFRICA'S OCCUPATION OF  
ANGOLAN TERRITORY, USING NAMIBIA AS A STEPPING-STONE.

MR. PRESIDENT, I SHOULD LIKE TO CONCLUDE BY ASSURING  
YOU OF MY GOVERNMENT'S FULL SUPPORT FOR THE DRAFT RESOLUTION  
WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED SHORTLY. IN THE LIGHT OF THE  
URGENCY OF EFFECTING SOUTH AFRICA'S REMOVAL FROM NAMIBIA AS  
FROM ANGOLA, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL  
SHOW A UNITED FRONT IN SUPPORT OF THE IDEALS OF THE UNITED  
NATIONS CHARTER AND THE FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS OF INTERNATIONAL  
LAW. WE ARE CALLING FOR ELECTIONS IN NAMIBIA, UNDER UNITED  
NATIONS SUPERVISION AND CONTROL. THIS HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT  
EXTREMELY WELL BY THE UNITED NATIONS IN VARIOUS DIFFERENT  
CONTEXTS; ALL THAT COULD PREVENT SUCH ELECTIONS IN THE CASE OF  
NAMIBIA IS THE INTRANSIGENCE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN OCCUPATION  
REGIME, USING ALL THE FORCE AT ITS DISPOSAL, AND POSSIBLY  
WITH THE COLLUSION OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS. THE VOTE ON THE  
DRAFT TO BE INTRODUCED, I SUBMIT, WILL BE AN ACID TEST  
FOR THE COMMITMENT OF GOVERNMENTS TO THE CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AND TO FREEDOM AND SELF-DETERMINATION  
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